

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

**Illinois Department of Human Services**

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# SUMMARY

## Harm Reduction, Recovery and Resilience in Illinois

The Department of Human Services through its Division of Mental Health (DMH) and Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) are operationalizing the Cannabis Tax Regulation Act by expanding and enhancing services that help people to be their most **resilient** selves as they seek their journey of **recovery** and support them in **reducing the harm** their disease causes them. These funds help DHS to expand services to continue to reach our aspiration of helping Illinoisans achieve their best selves.

# SUMMARY

## Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act specifies that:

- 20% of the funds shall be used to address mental health and substance use disorders including **treatment, education and prevention.**
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- 2% of the funds shall be used for a **public education campaign** and **data collection and analysis** to address the impact of legalizing recreational marijuana

Through **Harm Reduction, Recovery and Resilience in Illinois**, DHS is:

- **Supporting** people and programs
- **Investing** in existing and seed new projects
- **Disrupting** the status quo
- **Impacting** the short and long term
- **Leveraging** the expertise of SUPR and DMH

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

DHS adopted the following guiding principles in order to be good stewards of the Cannabis Tax Fund.

- **Address** racial and social equity
- **Prioritize** those communities and individuals disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs
- **Catalyze** innovation and fuel transformation
- **Align** with the intent of the law
- **Advance** the right to quality behavioral health care for all citizens.

## Program Areas

- **Community Investment** - Provide resources to community-based organizations to offer critical behavioral health services
- **Criminal Justice Diversion** - Develop programs and recovery supports to divert people from the criminal justice system
- **Work Force Development** - Provide people with lived experience with career pathways and develop a more diverse behavioral health workforce
- **Healthy Recovery**- Expand pathways to recovery
- **Public Education** – Investing resources to inform the public and support the prevention of substance misuse.
- **Evaluation and Data Collection**- Provide evaluation and data analysis on our programs to validate their success and learn from the challenges

# FY21 Accomplishments

## Community Investment

- **West Side Heroin/Opioid Task Force** - is leading an Overdose Prevention Site Community Engagement Project engaging community members and stakeholders to explore harm reduction strategies such as Overdose Prevention Sites to reduce overdose disparities. The FY 21 report will be published soon.
- **Healing Illinois** – is designed to promote racial healing through promoting dialogue, encouraging collaboration, facilitating learning and seeding connection in communities.
- **Warm Line** - provides support by phone for anyone age 12 and up utilizing Wellness Support Specialists to answer the calls and provide recovery support, mentoring, and advocacy. Cannabis funds allowed for the expansion of hours during Covid.
  - **Warm line** received 30,275 calls during SFY21. Annual call volume increased 82% compared to SFY20 Number of new callers to the Help Line increased by 77%.

Illinois Warm Line: 866-359-7953

# FY21 Accomplishments

## Criminal Justice Deflection/Diversions

### Illinois State Police Co-Responder Pilot

IDHS, DMH, SUPR and the Illinois State Police (ISP) are collaborating to establish a co-responder model in 3 areas of Illinois. The model utilizes a community collaboration approach to coordinate resources across the community to provide mental health, substance use disorder or other services for victims of crime and for those who have been impacted by the crime. The three geographical areas identified by the ISP are:

- **Southern Illinois Drug Task Force** which operates in 13 southern counties with offices in DuQuoin, Carmi and Ullin.
- **Eastern Illinois Task Force** which serves Coles and Douglas Counties
- **Police Enforcement Safety Group** in East St. Louis



# | FY21 Accomplishments

## Healthy Recovery

**Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) Stipends** - Provide stipend payments for medical professionals who become x-waivered to prescribe buprenorphine and implement MAR (an evidenced-based treatment that also reduces overdoses) for patients with an Opioid Use Disorder.

- 300 medical professional stipend applications for x-waiver to prescribe buprenorphine
- 266 applicants registered for one of the six trainings
- 220 applicants completed all requirements to receive a stipend

## Work Force Development

Promoting excellence and building capacity and expertise in Illinois.

- **Workforce training**
- **Racial Equity training**
- **Crisis Staffing grants**
- **Behavioral Health Corps**

# | FY21 Accomplishments

## Prevention and Public Education

Educating consumers and the public about marijuana use and the law, expanding December 2019 launched **Let's Talk Cannabis IL** public awareness campaign. The campaigns focused on non-judgmental factual information for specific populations and a clear no use message for youth.

- <https://www.prevention.org/lets-talk-cannabis/>
- 4.7 million video views
- 2900 PDF downloads
- 20.6 million impressions
- 3.4 million social engagements

## Evaluation and Analysis

SUPR has engaged a University of Illinois – Chicago (UIC) to provide **data collection and analysis** of the public health impacts of legalizing the recreational use of cannabis. This team will also conduct a **quantitative and qualitative evaluation** of selected cannabis projects to **determine efficacy, gather lessons learned and engage stakeholders** in program improvement.

# FY22 Goals

IDHS will continue to expand services to help Illinoisans achieve their best selves.

## Essential Projects

### Naloxone Distribution

In 2020, there were **2,944 opioid overdose deaths** in Illinois. This is a 33% increase from 2019 and the highest number of yearly fatalities that Illinois has on record. IDHS aims to **reduce the number of opioid overdoses** through the expansion of community-based Narcan (nasal naloxone) access. **IDHS is distributing this life saving medication through Access Narcan.**

### Crisis Response Network

IDHS's **vision for a comprehensive and integrated system** of care includes a crisis network as a first line of response with the goal of preventing public safety tragedies. Building on the infrastructure work of the SAMHSA 988 Infrastructure Grant, IDHS will ensure key components of the crisis network which includes **stabilization centers and mobile crisis teams** will be expanded into communities across the state.

# Key Data Points

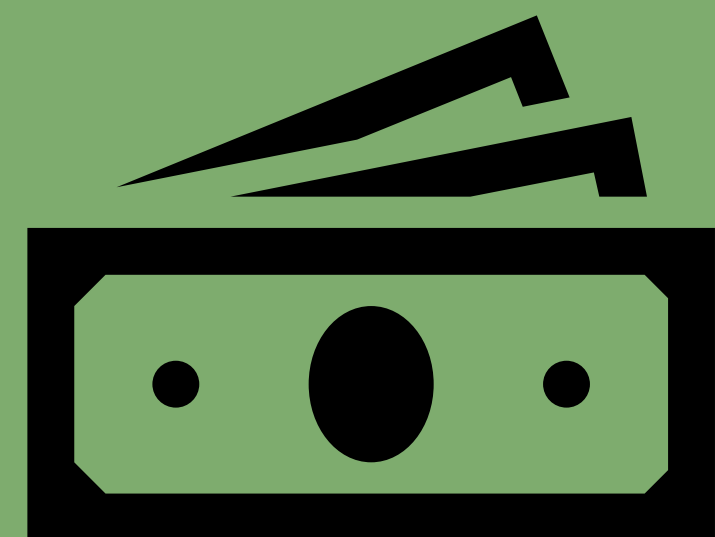


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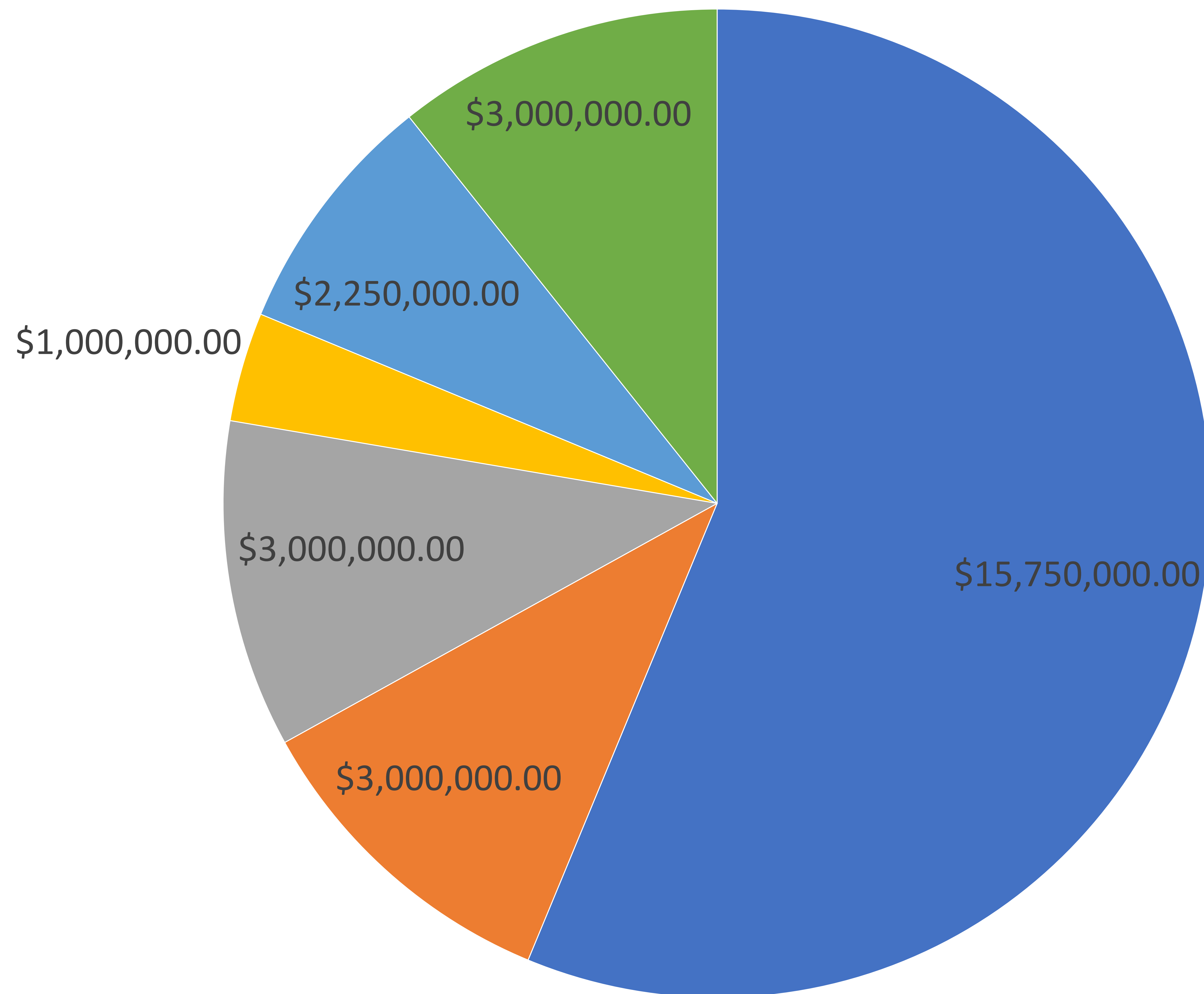
**Funding Usage** - 62% of the DHS funds are allocated for community investment



**Increasing Access to MAR**

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# | Funding Usage



## Program Areas

- Community Investment
- Evaluation/Epidemiology
- Workforce Development
- Criminal Justice Diversion
- Healthy Recovery
- Public Education

# Providers Receiving Funds By Program Area

Row Labels	Allocated Total	Contracted						
Community Investment			DUPAGE COUNTY		\$40,206.00	MOULTRIE COUNTY COUNSELING CTR		\$782.00
ADVOCATE NORTHSIDE		\$88,483.00	DUPAGE PADS INC		\$55,000.00	MOUNT SINAI HOSP MEDICAL CTR		\$7,857.00
ALEXIAN BROS CTR FOR MNTHL HLTH		\$3,608.00	ECKER CTR FOR BEHAVIORAL HLTH		\$12,617.00	N/A		\$0.00
ARROWLEAF		\$4,764.00	EGYPTIAN PUBLIC & MENTAL		\$3,070.00	NORTH CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL		\$23,921.00
ASIAN HMN SVCS OF CHICAGO INC		\$3,871.00	EMERGENT DEVICES INC		\$7,000,000.00	NORTHSHORE UNIVERSITY HEALTH		\$10,455.00
ASSOCIATION FOR INDIVIDUAL DEV		\$15,521.00	GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF CENTRAL		\$13,000.00	NORTHWESTERN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL		\$31,595.00
BEACON HEALTH OPTIONS INC		\$247,000.00	GRAND PRAIRIE SERVICES		\$32,276.00	PERRY CNTY COUNSELING CTR INC		\$3,369.00
BEHAVIORAL SERVICES CENTER		\$4,264.00	HABILITATIVE SYSTEMS INC		\$38,762.00	PIATT COUNTY M H CENTER		\$1,049.00
BOND COUNTY		\$1,732.00	HEARTLAND HUMAN SERVICES		\$5,455.00	PILLARS COMMUNITY HEALTH		\$2,751.00
BRIDGEWAY INC		\$15,723.00	HERITAGE BHVRL HEALTH CTR INC		\$35,681.00	PRESENCE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH		\$24,769.00
CASS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ASSN		\$1,453.00	HUMAN RESOURCES CENTER OF		\$1,462.00	PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP INC		\$300,000.00
CENTERSTONE OF ILLINOIS INC		\$32,695.00	HUMAN RESOURCES DEV INST INC		\$83,036.00	PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER		\$50,000.00
CHESTNUT HEALTH SYSTEMS INC		\$29,742.00	HUMAN SERVICE CENTER		\$35,791.00	ROBERT YOUNG CENTER FOR		\$28,955.00
CHILDRENS HOME ASSOCIATION OF		\$911.00	HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES		\$1,231.00	ROSECRANCE INCORPORATED		\$70,057.00
COLES CO MENTAL HLTH ASSN INC		\$14,158.00	INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RESOURCES		\$5,112.00	SERTOMA CENTRE INC		\$3,876.00
COMMUNITY CNSLNG CTRS CHICAGO		\$33,878.00	IROQUOIS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER		\$2,389.00	SHELBY COUNTY COMM SERV INC		\$620.00
COMMUNITY RESOURCE & COUNSELIN		\$248.00	JANE ADAMS CMNTY MNTHL HLTH CTR		\$10,294.00	SINNISSIPPI CENTERS INC		\$13,238.00
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER INC		\$1,964.00	JEFFERSON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE		\$2,463.00	TAZWOOD MENTAL HEALTH CTR INC		\$6,295.00
COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL HLTH		\$7,932.00	JOSELYN CENTER FOR MENTAL		\$915.00	THE CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST		\$6,000,000.00
COMWELL		\$4,822.00	KENNETH YOUNG CENTER		\$9,808.00	THE HARBOUR INC		\$15,618.00
CONNECTIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF JASPER		\$111,511.00	LAKE COUNTY		\$18,541.00	THE THRESHOLDS		\$38,260.00
COUNTY OF LAWRENCE HEALTH DEPT		\$4,605.00	LEYDEN FAMILY SVCS & M H CTR		\$7,499.00	THRIVE COUNSELING CENTER		\$4,877.00
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY		\$1,668.00	LOCUST STREET RESOURCE CENTER		\$7,075.00	TOGETHER WE COPE		\$30,000.00
CROSSPOINT HUMAN SERVICES		\$11,237.00	LORETTO HOSPITAL		\$7,729.00	TRANSITIONS OF WESTERN IL INC		\$915.00
DEKALB BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FNDTN		\$5,336.00	LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF IL		\$10,769.00	TRILOGY INC		\$11,548.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH &		\$758.00	MASSAC COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH		\$1,891.00	TURNING PT BHVRL HLTH CARE CTR		\$12,914.00
			MCLEAN COUNTY CTR HUMAN SRV IN		\$16,904.00	UNION CNTY COUNSELING SVCS INC		\$835.00
			MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS OF		\$1,484.00	WABASH COUNTY HEALTH DEPT		\$2,636.00
			MENTAL HEALTH CTRS OF CNTRL IL		\$22,962.00	WILL COUNTY		\$9,880.00
			METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES		\$1,381.00		\$15,750,000.00	
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						Community Investment Total	0	0

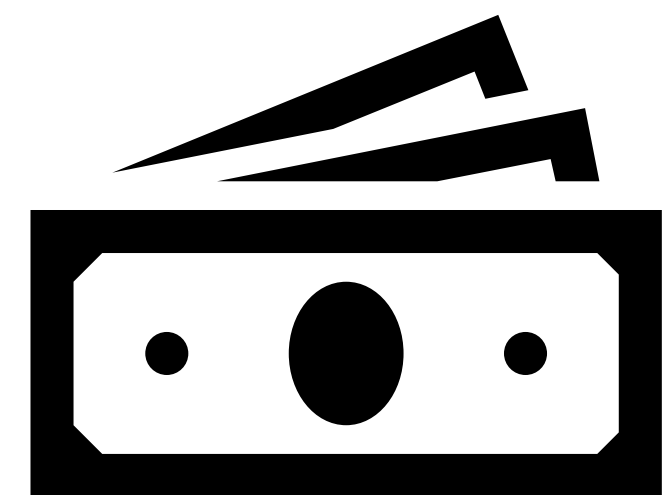
# Providers Receiving Funds By Program Area – Continued

Criminal Justice Dversion		
TASC INC		\$147,525.00
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Criminal Justice Dversion Total	\$1,000,000.00	\$147,525.00
Evaluation & Data Collection		
(blank)	\$3,000,000.00	
Evaluation & Data Collection Total	\$3,000,000.00	
Healthy Recovery		
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY		\$615,000.00
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Healthy Recovery Total	\$2,250,000.00	\$615,000.00
Public Education		
PREVENTION FIRST INC		\$1,500,000.00
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Public Education Total	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Workforce Development		
N/A		\$0.00
PREVENTION FIRST INC		\$900,000.00
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS		\$256,769.00
(blank)	\$3,000,000.00	
Workforce Development Total	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,156,769.00
Grand Total	\$28,000,000.00	\$18,260,371.00

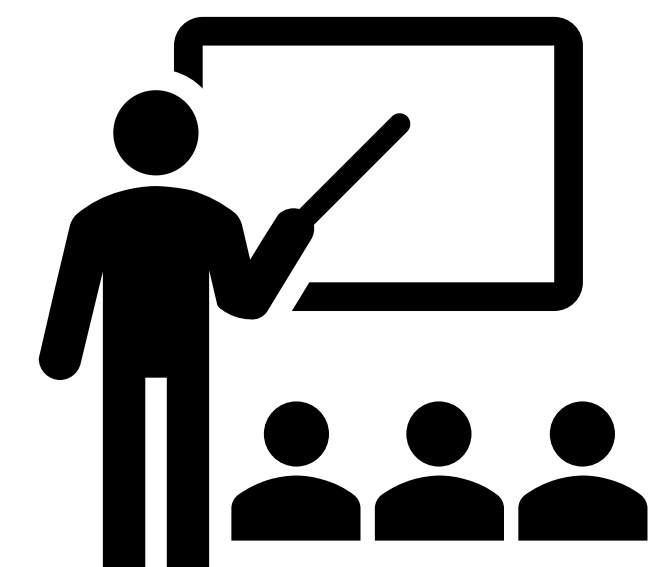
# Relevant legislation, updates and initiatives



**Illinois HB 110 Safer Consumption Services** – Creates the Safer Consumption Services Act. This legislation would allow the Illinois Department of Public Health to set guidelines and standards for organizations to obtain approval to operate a safe consumption site. Consideration of this bill has been postponed.



**HB 5109-PA 100-0862 The Community Behavioral Health Professional Loan Repayment Program** provides loan repayment assistance to eligible mental health and substance use professionals practicing in a community mental health center in an underserved or rural federally designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Area. This initiative requires \$2 million in SFY2022.



**HB158 PA 102-0004 The Behavioral Health Workforce Education Center of Illinois** included in the Black Caucus health care pillar legislation, would create a pipeline for qualified, diverse behavioral health professionals and to anchor research and education for behavioral health workforce development. This initiative requires \$6 million for start-up costs in SFY2022.